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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Keep Evansville Beautiful program.

Whereas, Keep Evansville Beautiful (KEB) is a program designed to encourage citizens to create "a beautiful, inviting, healthy outdoor environment to assure an improved quality of life and enhanced economic growth for the greater Evansville area";

Whereas, Keep Evansville Beautiful was founded in 1972 as a special committee of the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce and is a privately funded agency;

Whereas, Members are the heart of the Keep Evansville

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Beautiful programs, and nearly half of the program support comes from membership;

Whereas, In 2004, KEB began to use Evie as a mascot to promote its anti-litter programs;

Whereas, Evie, an acronym for Every Volunteer Is Essential, is a yellow Labrador Retriever owned by Steven and Susan Harp and is trained to pick up litter and throw it away;

Whereas, The Retrieving With Evie Litter Program recently won the prestigious first place award in the nation for litter prevention programs at the 2008 Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas, Steven and Susan Harp and Evie have taught more than 2,700 elementary school students about litter at public, private, and parochial schools by telling Evie's story and letting Evie show off her tricks; and

Whereas, The Keep Evansville Beautiful program brings government, schools, churches, and neighborhoods together to help keep their beloved city beautiful: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 recognizes the efforts of Keep Evansville Beautiful and its devoted
- 3 staff to help maintain the city and to keep litter from its streets and
- 4 neighborhoods.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to board members
- 7 David Herrenbruck, Chair; Carter Clarke, Chair Elect; Todd
- 8 Chamberlain, Vice Chair Programming; Paul Waters, Vice Chair
- 9 Development; Stephanie Aldridge, Treasurer; Chris Boeke, Secretary,
- 10 and Steven and Susan Harp.

